

## CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR FILMING IN SEQUOIA AND KINGS CANYON NATIONAL PARKS

Commercial filming activity (except for media coverage of newsworthy events) requires prior written authorization. "Commercial filming activity" is defined as "the making of commercial pictures involving the use of professional casts, setting, or crews..."

Authorization is obtained through issuance of Form 10-753, Application for Permission to Film for Commercial Purposes. This form will be completed by Parks' Headquarters using the information contained in the attached questionnaire.

1. Unless specifically waived, anyone conducting commercial filming activities in the Parks will need to obtain and show proof of general liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$1,000,000 with the United States of America - National Park Service - Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks named as additionally insured. Proof of insurance is best submitted in the form of a Certificate of Insurance endorsed by an insurance agent.
2. Unless specifically waived, all filming activity requires the presence of a uniformed Park Ranger. In most cases this will require that Rangers work overtime. The hourly costs for this service must be reimbursed to the service by the filming company. Unless other specific arrangements are made, the hourly costs for Ranger presence at a filming event will be \$50.00.
3. In cases where filming activity represents a possible threat to Parks' features or facilities, a bond/deposit may be required prior to the initiation of filming. The bond/deposit will be returned at the end of the project if it is not required for cleanup, restoration, etc.
4. It is required that any and all aerial filming be closely coordinated through the Office of the Air Operations Specialist at (559) 565-3162.
5. Low altitude aerial filming requires special permission. Additional expenses and fees may be incurred in the coordination of aerial filming.
6. In all cases filming activities must be conducted in a manner which results in no significant disturbance of Parks' resources or Parks' visitors. To ensure that these goals are achieved, conditions including, but not limited to, the following may be imposed:
  - a. Filming activities may not impede or disrupt visitor traffic or activities.
  - b. All vehicles must stay on existing roads
  - c. Excavation or modification of earth surfaces is not allowed.
  - d. No wheeled vehicles of any sort can be used on trails without written permission.
  - e. The use of separate generators is not allowed away from roadways.

- f. Artificial smoke may be made only from dry ice.
  - g. Live animals or plants may not be introduced into the Parks.
  - h. Filming is not allowed on Saturdays, Sundays, or holidays.
- 7. Generally, filming of uniformed National Park Service employees is not allowed except for educational purposes.
- 8. During periods of intense Park use, or for other reasons required for the protection of Park resources, the Superintendent may refuse to issue permits for commercial filming.